# S11

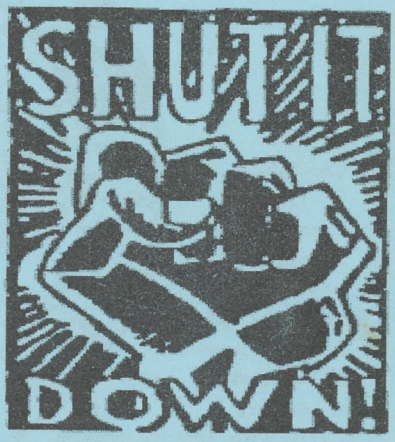
## What is the WEF? [*adapted from www.s11.org*]

The WEF (World Economic Forum) is an exclusive, unelected "think tank" and driving force behind the global economy. Members include 1000 CEO's from the world's top (sic) multinational corporations (eg McDonalds, Microsoft, Nike, Rio Tinto, Nestle, Shell, Coca Cola and Western Mining Corporation). Academics, trade ministers, heads of state, and elite media also attend as guests (Australain guest speakers include John Howard, Peter Costello and Kim "Class Traitor" Beazley).

The WEF initiated the WTO (World Trade Organisation), the focus of the protests in Seattle last year. The same companies that are responsible for terrible atrocities in the name of profit are making major decisions about almost every aspect of our lives. On the 11th of September, the Asia-Pacific Summit of the WEF meets at Melbourne's Crown Casino.

## What is S11?

The protest that's gonna SHUT IT DOWN




## How do I get involved?

Currently there are three main organising groups based in Sydney. They are focussing on different aspects of the event and working closely to co-ordinate their actions. While some areas will overlap, the general breakdown is as follows:

**S11 Sydney**

Direct Action
Training
Affinity Group
Organising
"A decentralised network of Autonomous groups"

**C.A.C.T.U.S.**

Publicity
Material
Co-ordinating
campus groups
Educational Events
Media

**Sydney S11 Coalition**

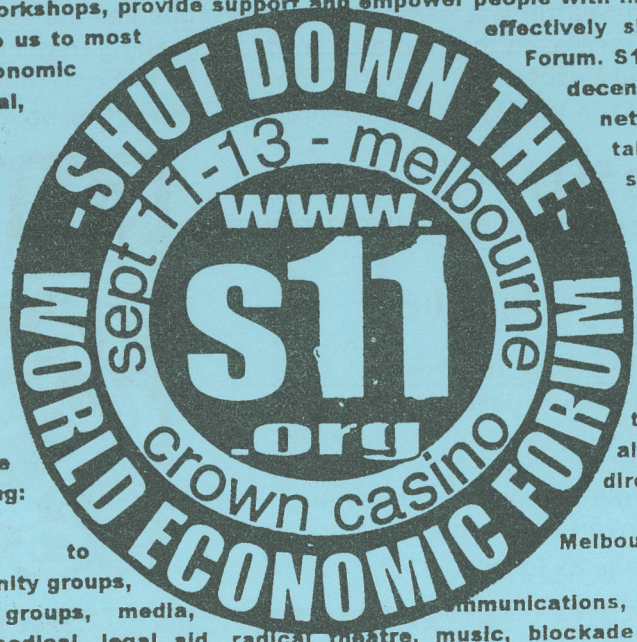
Transport (buses & carpooling)
Fundraisers
Big Public Meetin
Accommodation
Community Grou
Liason

For info about getting involved, check out what's inside + on the back

# S11 Sydney

The World Economic Forum (WEF) is an exclusive, unelected, invite-only international organisation composed of the world's 1000 largest transnational corporations dedicated to pursuing economic management on a global scale. The WEF is part of the group of non-governmental organisations that effectively "manage" the global economy – this group consisting of the WEF, World Trade Organisation (WEF), the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF). The WEF is an organisation made up of the CEO's of the thousand richest global corporations, along with the trade ministers of the worlds wealthiest countries, and leading "globalist" academics and media moguls

S11 SYDNEY is a new group that has formed as part of the international protest against the globalisation of capitalism. S11 Sydney aims to facilitate actions, hold skill-sharing workshops, provide support and empower people with information and tools to enable us to most effectively shut down the World Economic Forum. S11 Sydney is a non-hierarchical, decentralised and autonomous network. We are committed to taking direct action for social and environmental justice through creative resistance to capitalism.




There is lots to do - here is a brief (and incomplete list). If anything takes your fancy, come along to our next meeting: direct action skill-sharing workshops transport to Melbourne, and setting up affinity groups, eg. lock-on groups, media, communications, intersection blockaders, medical, legal aid, radical theatre, music, blockade strengthening (flying squads), banner making, postering, pranks...etc..etc..etc..

S11 Sydney is not a forum to push political ideologies. We are organising to get people down to Melbourne to shut down the World Economic Forum, and providing the skills and organisational necessities to do this. The group is open to all who want to do something practical. NO POLITICAL PARTIES. NO PAPER SELLERS.

First meeting is July 27th, 7pm at University of Technology Sydney, downstairs foyer. Email: s11_sydney@hotmail.com for our next meeting time and place.

# C.A.C.T.U.S

## Campaign Against Corporate Tyranny in Unity and Solidarity

Inspired by the November 30 demonstrations against the World Trade Organisation in Seattle in 1999, the Campaign Against Corporate Tyranny in United in Struggle (CACTUS) is a Sydney based group whose broad aim is to fight against the corporate priorities, which dictate what happens in our society. CACTUS is a broad coalition of student groups, trade union activists, environmental activists and other community organisations who are united in their struggle against corporate globalisation.

Whilst worthy causes are being fought on many different fronts, these single issues are often caused by the same problem: global corporate 'economic rationalism'. But this common cause is often not targeted. Meanwhile, collectivity is dismantled through attacks on unionism and privatisation of public interests. While this continues, we lack leverage in the face of corporate power. The 'decision-makers' are no help. Most 'authorities' and official representatives have adopted corporate priorities. Change will only come by a groundswell at the grassroots. This may take time, but there is no time to waste. CACTUS will be organising protests, teach-ins and workshops in the lead up to S11 and beyond.

Past CACTUS actions and involvements include: day of action against corporate tyranny outside the stock exchange, addressed and marched on this years May Day rally, joined the CFMEU in picketing a proposed McDonald's in Centennial Park, involved in the Corroboree 2000 bridge walk and helped build actions by Fairwear against sweatshop conditions in the clothing industry including an action against NIKE.

## C.A.C.T.US / S11 SYDNEY TEACH IN & DIRECT ACTION WORKSHOPS 29/30th July

**Saturday, 29th of July** (CACTUS)

10am WEF and the Olympics
11 Global Capitalism and it's institutions
12 Globalisation and Women
1:30 Unions and the struggle
3 Racism, imperialism & the 3rd World
4 Seattle to Melbourne and Beyond

**Sunday 30th of July** (S11 Sydney)

10am Strategies and skills for protesting the WEF (with Seattle footage)
11 - 1 Blockading Tactics
2 - 3 Activist First Aid
3 - 4 Legal Rights Workshop
4 - 5 Affinity Group Organising

## GLOBALISATION AND RESISTANCE TEACH-IN

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August, Melbourne
Unwaged $5 / $7, Waged $10 / $15, H.S. $2
email:grrlscout45@hotmail.com
Contact C.A.C.T.U.S. for a registration form (Karen - 0412 462 646)

**contact C.A.C.T.U.S: cactus_sydney@egroups.com**
**come to our weekly meeting: Every Thursday, 6.30pm,**
**UTS tower block (downstairs near the French Cafe - All welcome**

# <campus contacts>

**macquarie**:
call karen 0412 462 646
or dez 0417 77 1935
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call noha or gary @ the src on 9660 5222
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**armidale**: tom 0407 229 569
**anu**: gabrielle 02 6249 2444
*for other campuses, please contact cactus (below)

# <get involved>

cactus (campaign against corporate tyrrany in unity and solidarity: karen 0412 462 646
s11 sydney: email s11_sydney@hotmail.com
the sydney s11 coalition: (see next column)

## <transport>

mel gilbank (aidwatch) 9387 5210 [business hrs]
karen iles (cactus) 0412 462 646 [after hours]

## <fundraising>

gabi wynhausen (fsu) 9320 0070
noha ramadan (sydney src) 9660 5222

## <public meeting>

dan murphy 0401 187 108

## <the melbourne s11 website>

[all you need to know about everything]
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# <sydney s11 coalition>

## [who we are]

the sydney s11 coalition is a coalition of progressive trade unions, student groups, community activist groups and political organisations who are working together in an exciting coalition reminiscent of those alliances formed in seattle and washington in order to shut down the wto and world bank talks.

## [what are we doing]

we have a registration system which will cover things like accommodation and transport. we have:

* booked busses to get us there
* arranged a car pool register to hook drivers up with passengers and other drivers
* booked a caravan park for us to camp at
* will be a contact point for people who are able to be billetted by melbourne activists
* organised a few fundraisers (keep an eye out for upcoming publicity in street press and leaflets etc)
* called a big public meeting for late august where we will hear heaps of excellent speakers talk about the issues around the wef and globalisation

## [how to get intouch with the coalition]

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